



# *The Alaska Children's Alliance*

**Presents the 2010**

## **Alaska Child Maltreatment Conference: "Trauma to Triumph"**

### **Pre-Conferences November 15 & 16, 2010:**

**~Advanced Forensic Interviewing** - This 2-day workshop will focus on enhancing Forensic Interviewing skills. Topics will include interviewing children with disabilities, culturally competent interviews, using anatomical dolls, the language of children and current research in the field of interviewing. Training will be facilitated by local and national Forensic Interview experts

**~Complex Trauma Intervention with Children & Their Caregivers** - This 2-day workshop will introduce participants to ARC, a components-based promising practice for individuals working with traumatized children and adolescents, and the implementation of this framework with children and their caregivers. Interventions focus on building secure attachments, enhancing self regulatory capacity, and increasing competencies across multiple domains. ARC targets children who have experienced chronic trauma such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and community violence. Each area of focus (attachment, regulation, and competency) is grounded in trauma-informed interventions, techniques, and auxiliary treatment methods. Based upon the child/adolescent's needs and strengths, the practitioner chooses appropriate interventions from a menu. Therapeutic procedures include psychoeducation, relationship strengthening, social skills, and parent-education training as well as psychodynamic, cognitive, behavioral, relaxation, art/expressive, and movement techniques

**Medical Academy November 15-19** - The Medical Academy is specifically designed for medical professionals who provide medical evaluation for suspected victims of child abuse. Topics to be covered include: role of the medical provider, particularly within the multidisciplinary and Child Advocacy Center setting; collaboration in the medical community; evaluation and diagnostic approaches to child physical and sexual abuse; interpretation and documentation of findings; diagnostic dilemmas; testifying as the medical expert; use of technology; networking; peer review and multi-disciplinary team development.

### **Conference November 17-19 *Keynote speakers:***

**Joe Spinazzola, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Trauma Center, Justice Resource Institute, Boston University School of Medicine, is a leading specialist in the study and treatment of emotional trauma. He specializes in the assessment of complex adaptation to childhood trauma in children and adults.

**Martina Whelshula, PhD.** Administrative Director for the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, a residential treatment center for alcohol and drug addicted youth. She has worked extensively with Native American communities nationwide in the areas of local and national policy development, education, community mobilization, and healing. She holds a doctoral degree in Traditional Knowledge, a MA in Counseling Psychology and a BA in Communication Studies. Dr. Whelshula is an educator, therapist, and organizational consultant.

**John Stirling, MD**, Director, Center for Child Protection at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center; holds an academic appointment as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics (affiliated) at Stanford University, has served on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Child Abuse & Neglect, recipient of the AAP's Award for Outstanding Service to Maltreated Children.

**Registration Information Coming Soon!**

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#### **Conference Hotel: Hilton Anchorage**

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